

On an Archaic Bronze Car lately brought to light in Rome.

December 2nd, 1869. W. M. Wylie, Esq. F.S.A. Local Secretary for Hampshire, exhibited a tracing from a drawing of the car which is represented, full size, in the Plate XXXIII. For the copper-plate from which this engraving is printed the Society of Antiquaries is again indebted to the liberality of Mr. Wylie. The following is his brief account of the remarkable object in question :—

“The Plate represents an archaic bronze car which has lately appeared at Rome, and for a drawing of which we are indebted to the kindness of Padre Garrucci. No particulars of its discovery are obtainable, but it probably comes from Southern Italy.

“Though differing from all known examples of the class, it still presents a certain analogy with the very remarkable bronze car found at Judenburg, Styria, and now in the Gratz Museum.^a

“Much of our car is evidently wanting, but the existing frame-work would seem to have once supported a platform, probably covered with symbolic figures, as in the case of the Judenburg car.

“Examples of these archaic bronze cars still continue rare. There can scarcely be a doubt as to their Italic origin, or that they are to be regarded as *ex voto* offerings of ancient cults, which found their way over Europe by the various channels of commerce which have at all times existed.

“It may be useful to recite such known examples as :—

I. The bowl, found at Peccatel, Mecklenburg, now in the Schwerin Museum.

II. The find at Frankfort-on-Oder.

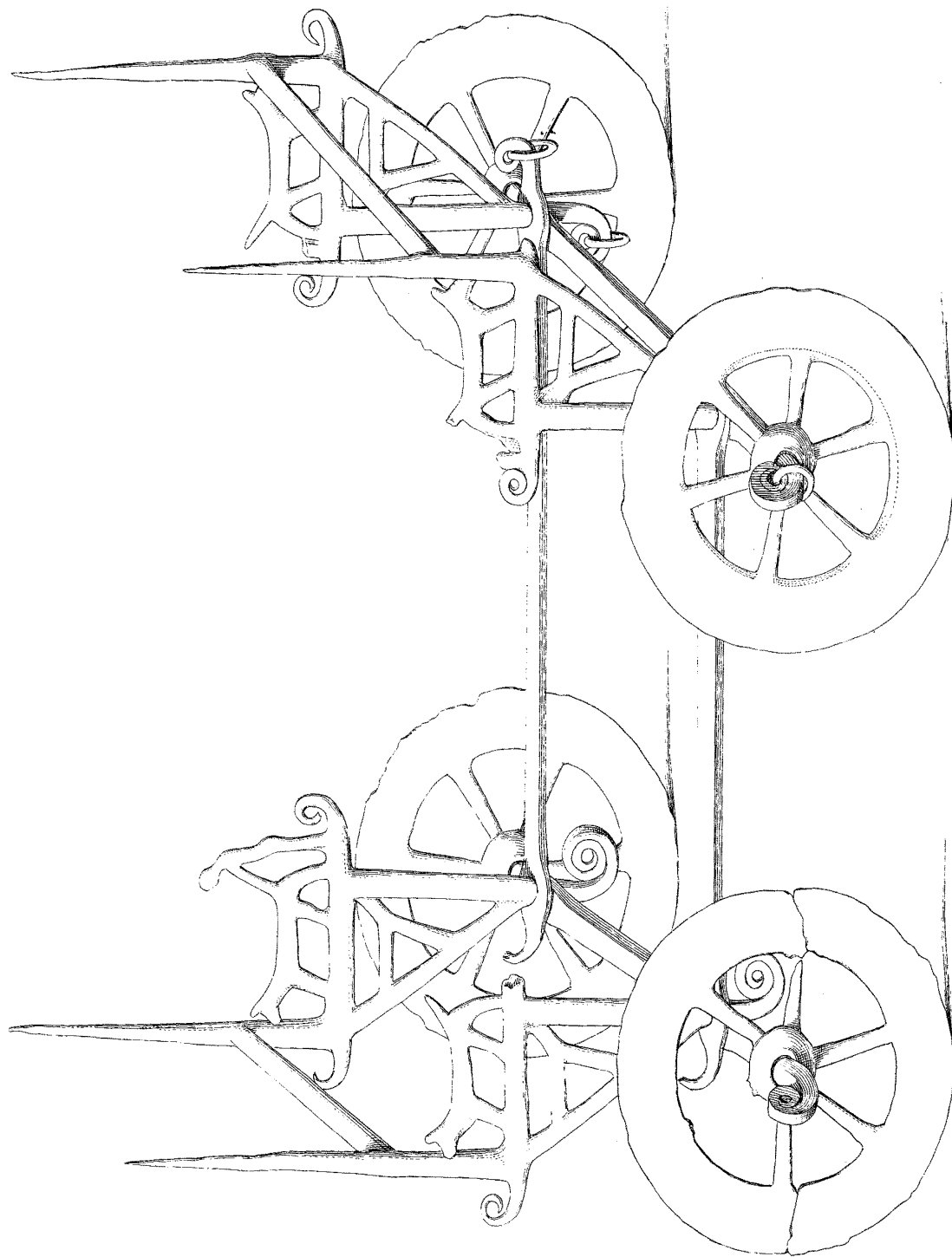
III. The Judenburg car, now in the Gratz Museum.

IV. The find at Radkersburg, now at Schloss Freudenau, Styria.

V. The Lucera bronze from Southern Italy, now in the Ashmolcan Museum.

“Representations of most of these, and of other analogous reliques, enrich the *Archæologia*, vol. xxxvi. plates xxvi. xxvii. and vol. xli.”

^a *Archæologia*, xxxvi. plate xxvi. fig. 5; *Mittheilungen des Hist. Vereins für Steiermark*, 3^{tes} Heft.



ARCHAIC BRONZE CAR.
(full size)

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